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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN THE PATENT APPLICATION OF:**

APPLICANT : **ROBERT W. JONES**  
APPL. NO. : **10/751,510**  
FILED : **January 6, 2004**  
FOR : **GUTTER FOAM FILTER**

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, RICHARD C. LITMAN, declare that:

1. I am a registered patent attorney and the CEO of the firm Litman Law Offices, Ltd.
2. On or about March 19, 2003 a disclosure was received at Litman Law Offices, Ltd. from Robert W. Jones for the purposes of having a preliminary patentability search conducted for the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The disclosure included a written description of Mr. Jones' invention, and a

model, as evidenced by the copy of the Litman Law Offices Ltd.'s "Confidential Record of Invention & Patent Search Request Form" and a date-stamped routing slip form attached thereto. See attached Exhibit A.

3. The model, which formed a part of Mr. Jones' disclosure, is shown in the three photographs (Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and Fig. 3) attached to this declaration. Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the gutter section with the filter insert in place. Fig. 2 is a side view of the gutter section and filter insert, with one end of the gutter section removed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the gutter section and filter insert, with one end of the gutter section removed. See attached Exhibit B.

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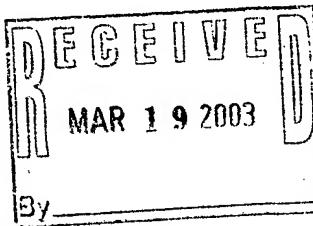
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# EXHIBIT A

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Name: Jones

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General Description: Gutter Foam Filter

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Key Words: House- Home- Gutter - Filter - Shield- Guard  
Protect

Type of Search:

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*Model*

## INFORMATION ON YOUR INVENTION

What is the purpose of your invention and who would use it?

THE PURPOSE IS TO FILTER OUT LEAVES, PINE CONES, ACORNS, PINE NEEDLES, DEBRIS, ETC. FROM HOME & BUSINESS GUTTERS FOR <sup>HOME</sup> <sub>BUSINESS</sub>

Describe your invention, including how it functions.

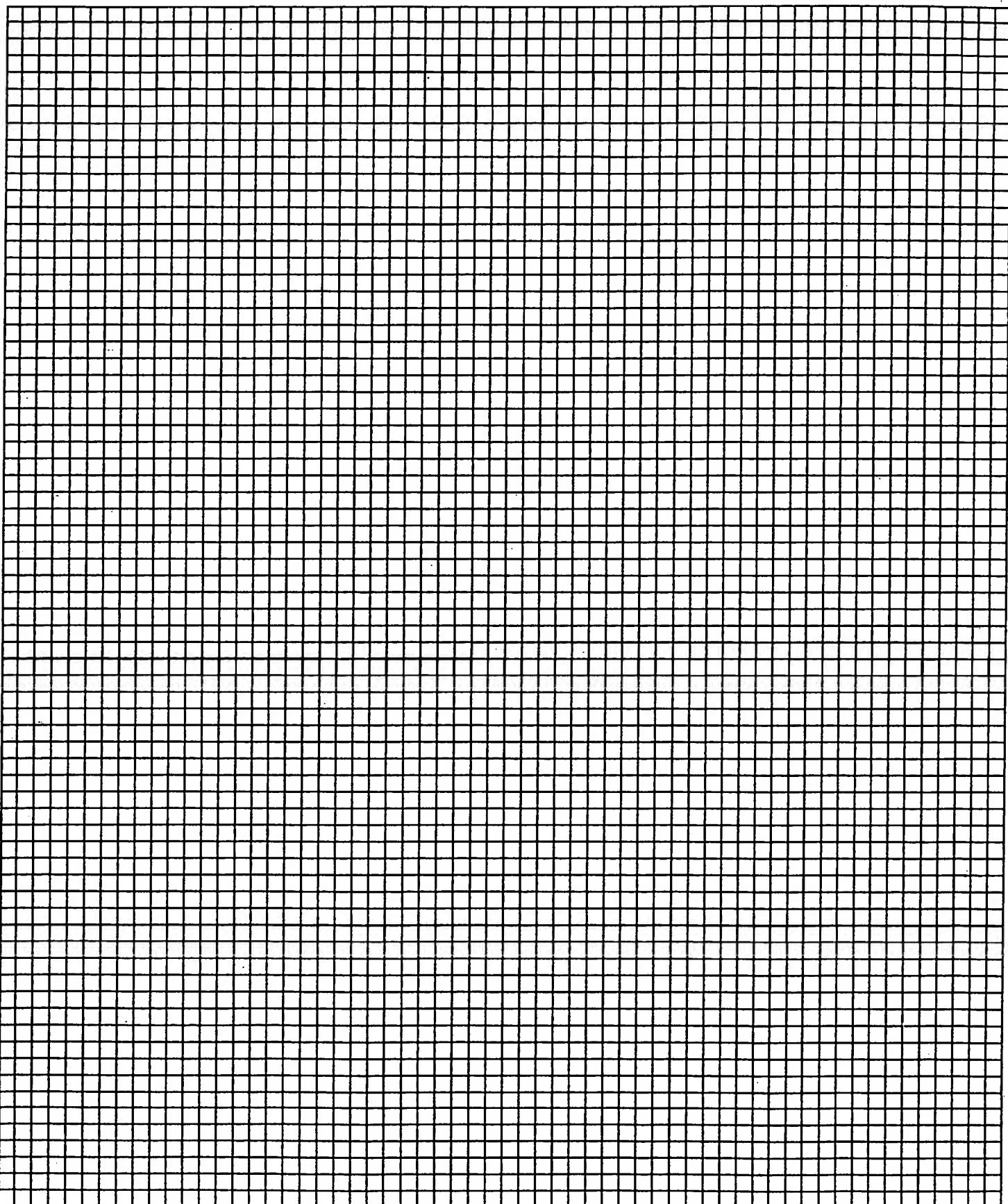
THE INVENTION IS A FOAM FILTER FOR HOME AND BUSINESS GUTTER - FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE. THE FOAM AS A FILTER IS CELLULOSE EXTRUDED TAPERED AT AN ANGLE TO ALLOW EASY PASSAGE FOR WATER THRU THE FOAM AND TO THE DOWNSPOUT. IT FILLS THE GUTTER TOTAL FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER THAT STOPS ALL DEBRIS FROM ENTERING GUTTER WHILE LETTING WATER THRU. IT'S VERY LIGHT WEIGHT AND DURABLE. THE FOAM IS EASY TO INSTALL OR TAKE OUT IN THE EVENT IT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED.

What are the unique features and benefits of your invention?

IT IS EXTRUDED FOAM (POLY-ETHER) 10-20 CELLS PER SQ. INCH. BLACK IN COLOR. IT FILLS THE GUTTER FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND END TO END. IT IS SUPPORTED IN THE BACK @ THE BOTTOM OF THE GUTTER, CUT AT ANGLE ON THE FRONT SIDE OF GUTTER TO ALLOW AN EMPTY SPACE FOR WATER TO PASS TO DOWNSPOUT.

## **SKETCHES & DRAWINGS**

Please provide a rough sketch of your invention. Feel free to attach photographs or other drawings of your invention. ***Models should only be sent if specifically requested.***



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# **EXHIBIT B**

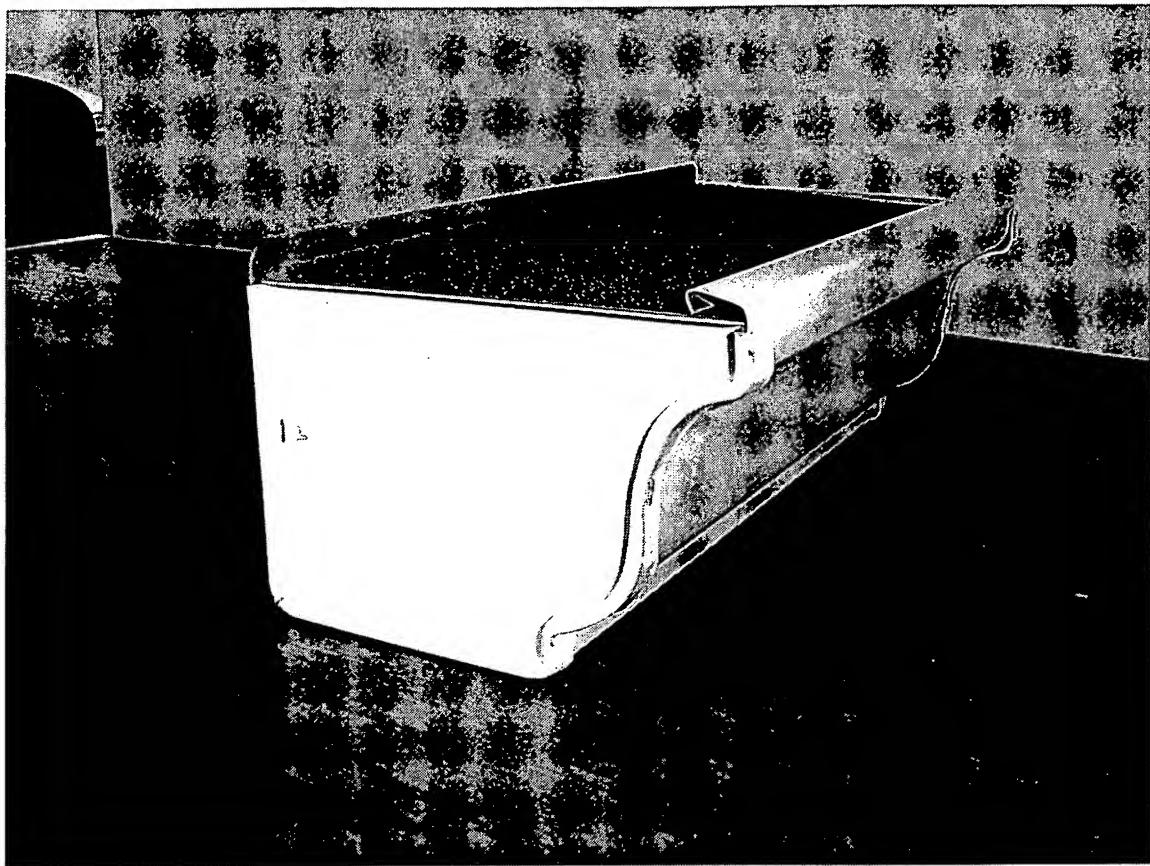


FIG. 1

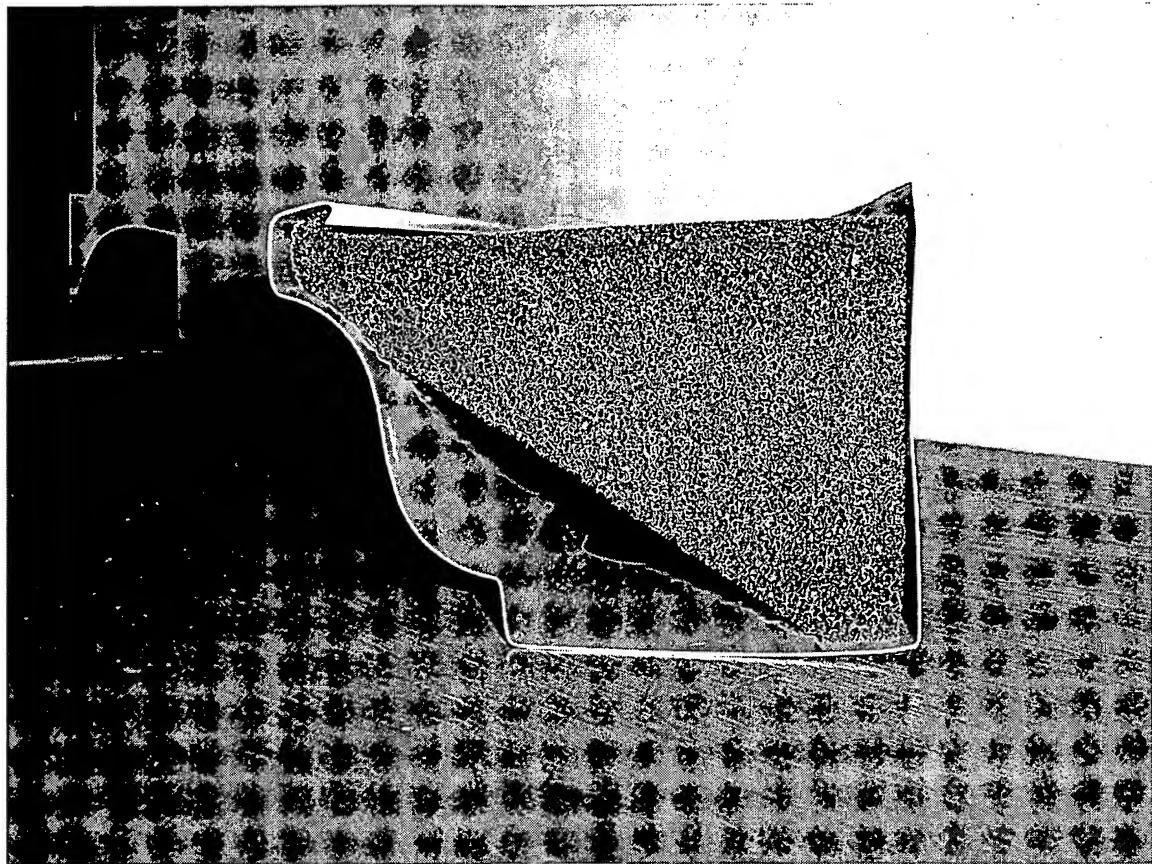


FIG. 2

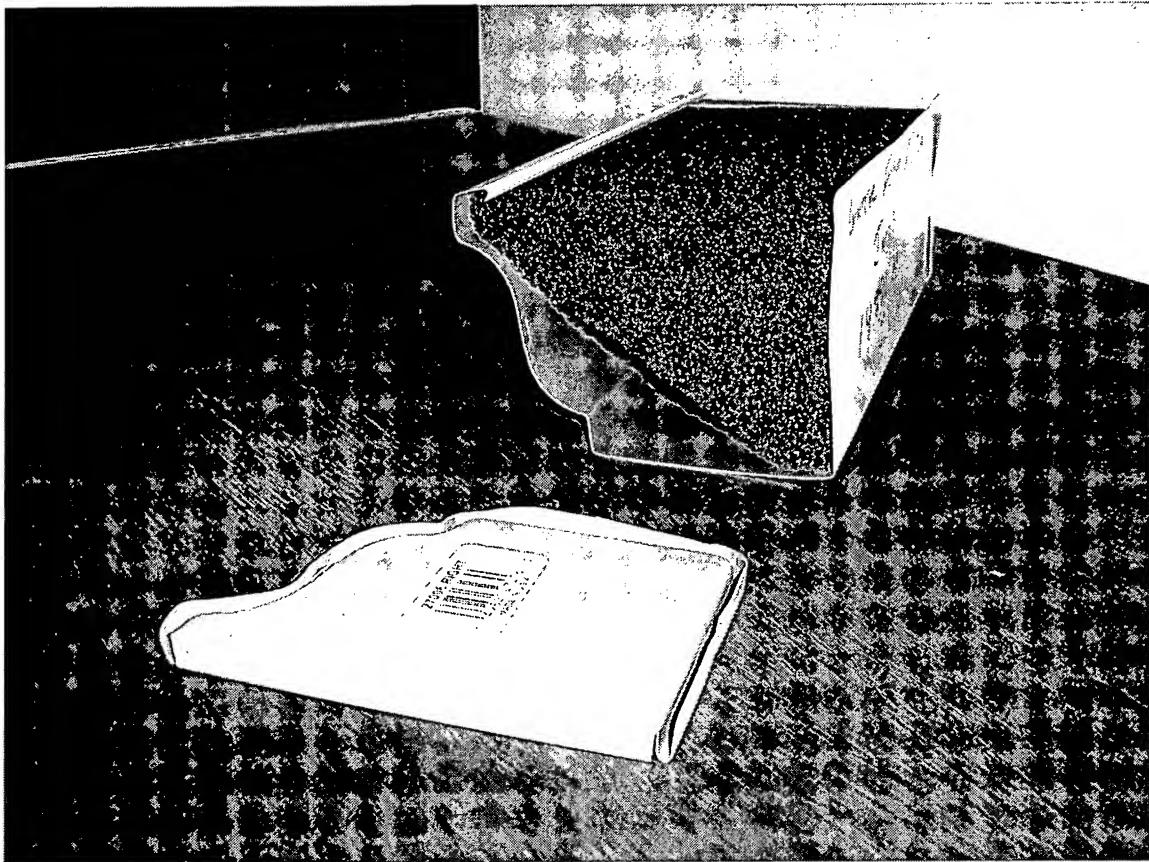


FIG. 3

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